

CABINET

Thursday, 20th July, 2006

Councillor R.F. Spencer (Chairman)

Councillors:	P. Feeney	W.H. Golland
	I.S. Gollop	V. McCrossen
	R.J. Nicholson	R.A. Poynter
	A.J. Gillam(Observer)	G.J. Griffiths (Observer) (a)
	J.M. Parr (Observer)	

27 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2006

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

28 ARNOLD MASTER PLAN PROGRESS REPORT - PRESENTATION BY ANDREW BALLINGER - WHITE YOUNG GREEN

Andrew Ballinger of White Young Green, gave a presentation on the Opportunities and Risks of the Options for the Arnold Master Plan following completion of the Consultation process.

RESOLVED:

To thank Andrew Ballinger for the presentation.

29 PRESENTATION BY PPS CONSULTING ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR STOCK CONDITION SURVEY.

Ed Diment of PPS Consulting gave a presentation on the Private Sector Stock Condition Survey.

RESOLVED:

To thank Ed Diment for his presentation.

30 OMBUDSMAN'S ANNUAL LETTER 2005/06

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a copy of the Ombudsman's Annual letter for information.

There were no findings of maladministration against the Council and response times were within the target set out by the Ombudsman.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

31 SURVEILLANCE COMMISSIONER'S INSPECTION REPORT

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reported that the Council had recently been inspected by the Office of Surveillance Commissioners which oversees the operation of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act. The Chief Commissioner had subsequently written to the Council congratulating it on its high standard of compliance and noting that the Council was probably within the upper quartile of local authorities.

Following the inspection a minor change was required to the Council's policy in relation to the duration of authorisations for surveillance. The current policy provided for applications to be authorised for "the minimum time reasonable". The legislation provided for the authorisation to be for a period of 3 months, although subject to review, it was proposed that a change be made to the policy to reflect this.

RESOLVED:

1. To note the result of the inspection.
2. To approve the alteration to the policy.

32 MEMORIAL HEADSTONE AND MONUMENT SAFETY WITHIN THE COUNCILS CEMETERIES

The Head of Leisure Services submitted a report that confirmed the policy adopted in 2004 to make safe monuments and headstones, which had failed safety inspections within the Cemeteries belonging to Gedling Borough Council.

RESOLVED:

To approve methods of making safe failed memorials and the publicity programme: -

- i. Memorials in the Traditional Sections of the Cemeteries to be made safe by laying flat all unsafe headstones/monuments face up on the

grave.

ii. Memorials in the Lawn Section of the Cemeteries to be made safe by burying/emerging the headstone one-third into the ground immediately behind the grave.

ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.

The following item was considered as a matter of urgency.

33 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

Members being satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the ensuing report on the grounds that the report involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

34 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ARNOLD HEALTH CENTRE

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report that outlined the proposals for the development of Arnold Health Centre and the implications for the Council, together with a summary of issues, should Members be minded to accept Option 1.

RESOLVED:

That members support option 1 of the Arnold Master Plan and the request by LIFTCo to sell the required land and that:-

1. The Estates and Valuation Manager be instructed to negotiate terms with ASDA for a Development Agreement that will facilitate the redevelopment of the northern part of Arnold in accordance with option 1 of the Arnold Master Plan.

2. The agreed Heads of Terms to be reported to Cabinet for approval.

3. The indicative costs for the buy-in of specialist services needed to facilitate the Development Agreement and subsequent implementation for the whole of option 1 of the Arnold Master Plan be reported to Cabinet for approval.

4. The Estates and Valuation Manager be authorised to dispose of the relevant land to LiftCo in accordance with Standing Orders for Dealings with Land, including the requirement to provide a permanent home for shop mobility.

5. The relevant officers investigate the cost of replacement public toilets or refurbishment of King George V Playing Field Public Toilets and alternative temporary accommodation for shop mobility and that a further report on the costs and feasibility be brought back to Cabinet for decision.

6. The Town Centre Manager undertake additional consultation on car parking, shop mobility and public toilet provision to assist members with any future decisions.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.